

DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Please cancel Drawing Sheet 32 containing Figs. 65-67 and substitute therefor Replacement Drawing Sheet 32 containing Figs. 65-67. By this amendment, Fig. 66 is amended as follows: reference character 911 is canceled and reference character 917 is substituted therefor, reference character 911 is added to point to the serrated teeth, and the figure number is changed to "67" to conform with the specification. In addition, Fig. 67 is amended as follows: the reference line for reference character 844 is changed to point to the lancet needle tip, and the figure number is changed to "66" to conform with the specification. These amendments are made to correct obvious minor errors introduced when the drawings were formalized.

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed October 17, 2007, has been received and reviewed. In response the Restriction Requirement detailed in the Office Action, the Applicant elects to continue prosecution of Invention I, Species E (Figure 63), without traverse. The Applicant has reviewed the application and determined that Claims 1-2, 5-6, 8, 11-12, and 16-17 are directed to the elected subject matter. Accordingly, Claims 3-4, 9, 13-15, 20, and 22-25 are canceled without prejudice and Claims 7, 10, 18-19, and 21 are withdrawn. In addition, Claims 8, 12, and 16-17 are amended and new Claims 26-36 are added to further define the elected subject matter as shown in Fig. 63 as described in paras. [0146] – [0147]. After this Response, then, the pending claims are Claims 1-2, 5-8, 10-12, 16-19, 21, and 26-36, of which Claims 1, 11, and 26 are independent and of which Claims 7, 10, 18-19, and 21 are withdrawn. No new matter has been introduced by this Response.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments submitted herein and the above comments, it is believed that the application has now been placed in full condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests early and favorable action. Should there be any further questions or reservations, the Examiner is urged to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (770) 984-2300.

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